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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICE)	
AND METHODS FOR)	
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES)	

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In response to the Office Action, of which Applicants were notified by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“PTO”) on April 18, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

Request for One-Month Extension of Time begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 6 of this paper.

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